implement the PDS, undertake, on a regular basis, monitoring and inspections of the working of the PDS, including the quality of the items distributed through it.

Poor performance by Pepsi Joint Venture

131. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Poor performance of Joint venture Pepsi, PAIC at loggerheads" published in the Indian Express, New Delhi, on the 15th August, 1991;

(b) what is the place where the Research Centre has been set up;

(c) what are the reasons for Punjab Agro to say no to Zahura in this regard; and

(d) what is the nature of research proposed to be carried on there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. have informed that they have constructed buildings for housing the laboratory and its offices for the Agro Research Centre in their factory complex in village Zahura, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab and are in the process of selecting 40 acres of land for the experimental fields. M/s Punjab Agro Industries Corporation has informed that in view of non-availability of adequate land at Zahura plant, and the Research Centre being an independent component be located outside the fruit and vegetable processing plant. They have also informed that a suitable site in this regard is being identified in Distt. Hoshiarpur|Jullundur closer to the Fruit and Vegetable Plant so that interaction between the Agro Research Centre and the Processing Plant is maintained.

(d) The research projects to be undertaken at the centre are:—

1. Extending experiments in deep soil cultivation.

2. Development of varieties for extending tomato yields and harvesting season using germplasm and other bio-techniques.

3. Disease and insect control, using natural harbicides and pathogens.

4. Development of technology to process and utilise other fruit and vegetables.

5. Varietal development through tissue culture.

Shifting of public sector undertakings

132. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Public Sector Undertakings had been asked by Government to shift from Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of such undertakings and names of undertakings which have since been shifted; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to expedite the shifting of the remaining Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) The Government have identified 25 public sector undertakings which could be shifted outside Delhi. The names of these undertakings are indicated in the Statement. (*See* below). The concerned Administrative Ministries have been asked to take necessary steps for shifting of these undertakings during the year 1991.